



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Monday, August 10, 2015

5:30 – 7 p.m.

777 E. Waterman, Building 200
Wichita Transit Van Maintenance Facility
Conference Room

Meeting Notes

Members Present: Maxine Bostic, Jack Brown, Jane Byrnes, Barry Carroll, James Crowder, Amy Delamaide, Jerry Jones, Tom Lasater, George Theoharis, Tyler Stutzman
Members Absent: Melany Barnes
City Staff: Scott Wadle, MAPD, Matt Schultze, Public Works & Utilities Director, Jennifer Magana, City Attorney and Director of Law, Zach Daniel, City of Wichita
Guests: Dion Leftler, Wichita Eagle

Item	Description
1.	Call to Order: Jack Brown, Chairperson, welcomed City staff and guests.
2.	Approve Previous Meeting Notes: Jerry Jones moved [Amy Delamaide] to approve the July 13, 2015 meeting notes. Motion carried 10-0.
3.	Public Comments: There were no comments.
4.	Discussion of Proposed Bike Path Maintenance Program: Matt Schultz, Public Works & Utilities, stated that there is a \$150,000 budget proposal for addition bike/ped maintenance that will be considered by the City Council. If approved, these funds would support two additional Public Works staff positions, Mr. Schultz reported. These two staff members would inspect the entire bike/ped network and support 12 miles of maintenance activities. Board members asked Mr. Schultz how exactly would these maintenance funds be used [additional sweeping, stripping of bike lanes, pavement, etc.]? According to Mr. Schultz, the details would be clarified when or if the City Council approved the funding request. Following a brief question and answer session, the board thanked Mr. Schultz for his presentation.
5.	Discussion of Advisory Boards and Compliance: Jennifer Magana, City Attorney and Director of Law, was invited by staff to address the board regarding their roles and responsibilities. Ms. Magana stated that the board was subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Law. As a result, the board's meeting must be opened to the public and meetings publically announced. Ms. Magana reported that board members can identify themselves at public meetings but cannot 'speak for the board' unless the board has taken an official vote on an issue that is being discussed. Zach Daniel, City of Wichita, stated that there may be a training developed for all board and commission members at some point in the future. At the end of her presentation, the board thanked Ms. Magana for her informative presentation.
6.	Endorsement of the he Bicycle Master Plan Update: Scott Wadle reported that the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan (Plan) can be modified based upon changes in the community. The Plan Strategy 28 recommends that substantial updates be made every four (4) years. The board members reviewed a City map that outlined the prioritized on and off-street bike/ped projects. After considerable discussion, Barry Carroll moved [Maxine Bostic] to recommend that the City Council endorse the following updates to the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan. 1) Remove the Redbud Path from Rock Road to K-96 from the listing of Top Priority Off-Street (Shared Use Path) Bicycle Facility; 2) Remove the Redbud Path from Rock Road to K-96 Path from the Priority Bicycle Network; 3) Add the Redbud

	Path from the K-96 Path to 159 th Street as the Top Priority Off-Street (Shared Use Path) Bicycle Facility; and 4) Add the Redbud Path from K-96 to 159 th Street to the Priority Bicycle Network. The motion carried 10-0. In support of the motion Board members indicated that the changes would retain the cost constraints originally utilized during the development of the Plan; the segment from K-96 would connect to the Andover Redbud Trail, and the segment from Rock Road to Webb Road could be accomplished using on-street routes.
7.	Discussion of Business Recognition Update: Amy Delamaide reported on the board initiative to recognize area businesses that are ‘bicycle friendly.’ Some board members agreed to photograph these designated businesses and forward to Amy. Amy will, in turn, create ‘Certificates of Appreciation’ for the business owners. The business owners will also be contacted and asked whether they want to attend the September or October meetings where they will be recognized. The board thanked Amy for taking on this task.
8.	Election of 2015/2016 Board Officers: George Theoharis moved [James Crowder] to elect the current slate of officers [Jack Brown, President; Jerry Jones, Vice President & Barry Carroll, Secretary] for the 2015/2016 program year. Motion carried 10-0.
9.	Board Members Project Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redbud Trail –Phase I (Bostic): Construction should be completed in August. • Redbud Trail – Phase II (Bostic): Construction should be completed in August. • Delano/River Vista Apartments (Barnes): There will now be a 10-foot multiuse path! Groundbreaking will start in early August 2015! • Douglas Design District (Amy): The City has received HSIP funds for the improvement of the Douglas and Hydraulic intersection! • First & Second Bikeways: (Carroll): Construction will start in August! • Sycamore (Brown): Construction occurred in July; sharrows were painted on the bikeway. • Market & Topeka Bikeways (Carroll): Construction will begin after the 1st & 2nd bikeways are completed. • Armour Bikeway [Crowder]: Some work has been completed on arterial street crossings; remainder of project will be bid in July. Work will begin later in August. • Woodchuck: Plans to open bids in August. • Chisholm Creek Park Multiuse Path: Construction will occur later this summer. • East Kellogg Expansion Project: Tom Lasater will track this project. • Prairie Sunset Trail (Stutzman): The trail is being extended eastward. The County Commissioner recently approved a MOU with the Prairie Travelers for a one-mile section of the trail. • WAMPO/TAC Meeting: Jack Brown routinely attends this meeting.
10.	Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt-A-Trail: Tom Lasater suggested that citizens should be encouraged to ‘adopt’ segments of multiuse paths across the city. • Board Vacancy-District 5: Scott Wadle reported that there is a vacancy to be filled. • Ritchie Developers & the Redbud Trail: Jerry Jones reported that a recent business publication, that listed \$800K homes, touted the advantages of living close to the Redbud Trail! It appears that the trail is now viewed as a positive [no longer a negative]!
12.	Closing Thoughts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers Need for a City Safety Video: Scott reported that City staff will be filming cyclists using our bike lanes. Barry, Amy and George volunteered. • Walktober: Jane Byrnes reported that the theme for this year’s event is: ‘Walk with Me! Board members were asked to help promote <i>Walktober</i>.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, **September 14, 2015**. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm. Respectfully submitted, Barry Carroll, WBPAB Secretary.